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(80-116 C.E) R. GAMALIEL II

He used to receive the reports of the witnesses (of the new moon), and showed them representations of the moon to test their accuracy. On one occasion he fixed the FIRST of TISHRI after the testimony of two suspected witnesses. The accuracy of the decision was disputed by Rabbi Joshua who was thereupon commanded by the

Patriarch to appear before him prepared
for trial on the day which was
according to Joshua's Calculation the
Day of Atonement, an order with which
he most reluctantly complied